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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Secretary of Defense

SUBJECT:

Memorandum from JIC to
Deputy Secretary of Defense on
"Existing Deficiencies in Present
Collection of Intelligence Information"

1. General Erskine has requested my comments on the subject paper, which accordingly I submit herewith.

2. The critical deficiencies in intelligence indicated in the JIC paper have long been known to this Agency and the intelligence community. I believe that the level of our intelligence knowledge, as obtained through exploitation of all sources, is higher than is indicated in the document. Within CIA capabilities, we are making every effort to meet the indicated needs.

3. Some of the critical needs might be met by new methods of collection utilizing new devices under the control of operational elements in the Department of Defense.

4. In general, the description of the various means whereby the U.S. Government collects intelligence information is accurate. I will have certain points which need clarification taken up directly with the military intelligence agencies in order to insure that there is no important misunderstanding between them and CIA, and if so, to develop any necessary action to correct them.

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5. You may be assured that the military intelligence services are working cooperatively with the CIA and within the Intelligence Advisory Committee in respect of problems in this area.

ALLEN W. DULLES
Director

OIC/JQR:br (29 September 1953)

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